Rounds Out the Closing Hours of the Old Year in Merry Fashion.

LAST WEEK WAS CROWDED WITH EVENTS

So Many Functions on the Program that it Was Impossible to Slip in Another-Record of the

If everything is well that has a good finish the last year in Omaha society was all right. The old year was danced out to a farewell, and the week intervening between Christmas and New Year's was crowded so closely with luncheons, theater parties, teas and dances that you couldn't have slipped in another function without forcing eight days between the two great festivals.

From early in the week, when another fair young bud was placed in the social conservatory, until an uncertain hour this morning, when a society young man dropped his New Year's resolutions on the hallway so hard that the crash woke up his parents, the week has been filled with merriment and society's devotees kept in their evening dress almost continuously. The chafing dish supper of Miss Higginson, the buffet breakfast of Mrs. Oscar Hillis, the cotillion and the grand theater party of Friday night were the entertainments of the week that kept the young men busy buying flowers and the young women more than busy arranging their evening gowns and keeping their engaged dances straight.

With the opening of the New Year and some bottles there is much joy in prospect for the society devotee. Dances, suppers and teas are promised in rapid succession for the early weeks of the new year. The college youth of the city are home for the bolidays and they are spending many hours in making calls and some dollars in buying flowers. After a round of gay diversions from their scholastic studies and athletic exercises they will return with many good wishes and other things.

That Cupid has been busy when the thermometer has almost dropped out of sight is evident from the returns so far received. The engagement of a prominent banker's daughter to a returned Klondiker is some surprise, but no more so than the announcement of the betrothal of a well known young man now in Manila to a dashing young widow of Kentucky, who fascinated every one she met on a recent wisit to this city.

A Holiday Cotillion. The most brilliant dancing party of the week was the Christmas meeting of the Cotillion club on Thursday evening. The well arranged decorations of the hall was a feature of the affair. Long strands of holiday greens were suspended overhead and

were caught in the center by a spray of

mistletoe, fastened with crimson ribbons.

Two magnificently decked Christmas trees formed part of the decorating scheme. The one nearest the favor table bore candy canes for the men and cornucopias for the girls. All the favors and flowers of the evening savoured of Yuletide. The favors that scored the hit of the evening were Miss Peck's coon dolls and the pen and ink sketches by Miss Mabel Taylor. During the evening familiar coon songs were rendered amidst much merriment. The cotillion was led in faultless style by Mr. Joseph Barker and Miss Elizabeth Peck. Excellent orchestral music was furnished. A dainty supper was served in the gallery. Quite a number of out-of-town visitors present and many interested speciators viewed the gay scene from the gallery.

Miss Mercer's Debut. One of the most delightful dances of son was that given by Dr. and Mrs. Samuel D. Mercer on Monday evening, at which Miss Caroline Mercer made her formal debut into society. The decorations of the beautiful and spacious parlors and of the library consisted of holly and mistletoe, arranged with much taste, while handsome vases which stood on the various manters were filled with lovely pink and yellow roses, whose delicate fragrance filled the air. Mr. and Mrs. George Mercer and Miss Higginson assisted Miss Mercer in receiving

Miss Mercer's toilet of pure white of gandle was extremely pretty and most becoming to the young debutante. Mrs. George Mercer looked handsome in a gown whose tupe and corsage were of white satin. with garniture of black net. Miss Higginson's dark beauty was well set off by her gown of white sifk with its lace net trimming. About 100 guests danced to the excellent music. Punch and refreshments were served in the dining room during the

Mrs. Hillis' Luncheon. The dainty buffet breakfast given by Mrs. Oscar Hillis on Thursday at her home in honor of her guest, Mrs. Munger of Fremont, was one of the most brilliant events of the week. The decorations were very beautiful and the Christmas tree, which was stationed in the bay window, greatly enhanced the pretty scene. Five tempting courses were served to the fifty guests who were arranged in groups in the dining room, where the prevailing color of the artistic decorations was red, Worthy of special notice was the handsome centerpiece of rare Battenberg, which was crowned by a basket filled to its utmost capacity with holly, and from which were drawn long satin ribbons of a rich crim son hue, fastened at alternate corners with large bows. Mrs. Hillis was assisted in receiving by Mrs. Munger and in entertaining by Mrs. Crittenden and Mrs. Culling-

Weddings and Engagements. The Cox-Webster wedding is announced

for Wednesday, January 11. The engagement of Mr. Moses Miller of Omaha to Miss Jessie M. Goldman of Des

Moines is announced.

The wedding of Miss Margaret Harrington O'Neill and Mr. John C. Morrow of this city is announced for Tuesday, January 10. Mr. Frank Martin and Miss Ada Thomas

were married on Christmas evening at the home of the officiating clergyman, Rev. Charles W. Savidge. Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Yates announce the engagement of their daughter, Florence to Mr. George Voss, who has recently returned from Alaska and is now enjoying a

The engagement of Mrs. Hume of Richmond, Ky., to Mr. Joseph S. Joplin of this city, now stationed at Manila with Major Samuel R. Jones, has recently become known among Omeha friends.

immediately after the ceremony a banquet "Black Beauty" and two copies of "Lucile" was served in the ordinary. The bride is ("loose heel") were a few of the many books the daughter of one of the oldest families personified. After punch and lady fingers the daughter of one of the oldest families personified. After punch and lady fingers of Louisville and a popular young society had been served everybody joined in the

SOCIETY HAS A GOOD FINISH woman, while the groom is one of its m

Entertainments of the Week. Mr. and Mrs. James Chambers entertained at dinner on Tuesday evening. A party of young people spent Thursday evening skating at the lagoon.

Miss Louise Korty entertained ten friends at dinner on Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Stone celebrated their golden

wedding on New Year's evening. Mrs. Howell entertained at tea on Saturday An elaborate stag banquet was given by the Metropolitan club on Christmas day. A large theater party witnessed the per-formance at the Creighton-Orpheum on Wednesday evening.

Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Summers, jr., entertained at dinner on Thursday evening, in honor of visiting physicians.

The Thurston Rifles' masquerade party which was given at the armory on Friday evening, was a great success. Miss Margaret McHugh gave a delightful luncheon on Wednesday. The decorations were red. Covers were hild for ten.

Mrs. T. W. Tallaferro entertained at lunch at the Omaha club on Saturday, in honor of her guests, Miss Harris and Miss Styles. Mrs. Edward L. Lomax and Miss Lomax gave a theater party of six at Boyd's on Friday evening in honor of her guests, the

Misses Caldwell. Mrs. L. H. Korty entertained the Century Card club on Thursday afternoon. The prizes were won by Mrs. Charles Haller and Mrs. C. B. Horton

The holiday party given by the members of the Outre Imer club on Wednesday even-ing at Metropolitan hall was thoroughly enjoyed by the eighty couples present.

Mr. Paul Hoagland entertained at dinner on Saturday evening, in honor of his college friends. Covers were laid for twelve and the elegant repast was followed by a dance. Miss Georgia Krug entertained a number of her friends on Monday evening with a Christmas tree and other pleasant things. Al

kinds of fun was enjoyed by those present. A reunion of the class of '95, Omaha High school, was held at the home of Miss Kate McHugh, the class teacher of the senior year, at 415 North Twenty-fifth street, or Thursday evening.

Mrs. T. A. Creigh entertained at an afternoon tea in a charmingly informal manner on Thursday. About twenty-five guests were present and enjoyed a most novel literary

A few of Miss Fay Wolff's friends sur prised her at her home on Thursday evening, in honor of her birthday anniversary. An miss Wolff a charming hostess.

The largest theater party of the season took possession of Boyd's on Friday evening, to see Frank Daniels in "The Idol's Eye."

After the performance the party adjourned to the Her Grand hotel, where an elegant supper was served.

The guests and friends of Mrs. E. Mackey of 1719 Davenport street spent most enjoyable evening on Monday la Dancing, music and an exciting "hu-can" guessing contest formed the major part of the evening's entertainment.

The Wisteria Whist club met on Wednes day at the home of Mrs. Dalton Risley. Mrs men's prize, a stein, was won by Dr. Des Mesdames Risley and O'Brien carried off the women's tokens.

Miss Wallace and her sister, Miss May were the hotesses at a very pretty Christ-mas dinner, given on Monday at the family residence on Harney street. The seasonable decorations of holly and mistletoe were very effective. The affair was in honor of Miss Black of Chicago. A chafing-dish supper was given on Tues

day evening by Mrs. T. W. Taliaferro, in honor of her guests, Miss Helen Harris of Chicago and Miss Jeanette Styles of Atchison, Kan. Mrs. Taliaferro also gave a theater party on Friday evening at Boyd's for her fair young visitors. Messrs, Gaylord Martin and Walter Rob-

erts entertained about 100 of their young friends at a dance at Metropolitan hall on Friday evening. Delicious refreshments were and excellent music furnished by an The parents of the young hosts assisted them in receiving their guests.

prior to the return of the former to resume her studies at Bellevue college. About fifty guests were present. Refreshments were followed by dancing and social entertainment.

The informal dance given by Mr. and Mrs. Louis S. Reed, in honor of their son, Philip, at their home on Wednesday evening, was a most enjoyable affair. About seventy young people responded to the hospitality of the young host and his parents and availed themselves of the ample space for dancing afforded by the large parlors.

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Wharton entertained at a dance in honor of their sons, Glen and Gerald. on Saturday evening, at Morand's hall. A large and merry party of young people filled the hall and entered heartly into the pleasures of the evening. Excel-lent music was provided and delicious refreshments served during the evening.

The new year was ushered in last night at Mrs. Kaufman's home in a novel manner The guests announced their arrival by send ing the coachman to the door with anonymous cards. Dainty refreshments were served and the guests departed on the following morning, wishing the kind hostess "many happy returns of the day." Miss Laura Jordan, who is at home for her

vacation from Peru Normal school, was very pleasantly surprised by a number of her friends at her home, 1618 South Tenth street, on Monday evening. All present thoroughly enjoyed the music and games which formed the chief entertainment of the evening. Refreshments were served to the guests before

they separated. Mr. and Mrs. Roland Beavers of Twentieth and K streets. South Omaha, gave a very pleasant party to about twenty of their friends. The house was very prettily decorated for the occasion and toward the end of the evening dainty refreshments were handed round in orange baskets. As the bells rang the old year out the guests took their leave, wishing their hosts a happy

New Year. Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Shriver celebrated the twelfth anniversary of their wedding on Friday evening. Twelve couples, represent-ing the twelve years of wedded life, partici-pated in the celebration. A most enjoyable evening was spent, cards, games, music and refreshments helping to pass the time. The first prize was won by Mr. Charles H. David-son. while Mr. Wylie B. Nichols carried

off the gentlemen's prizes. Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Rector gave an elab-orate reception in honor of their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ford Scovil of Cincinnati, O., at Morand's hall, on Friday evening. Two hundred guests were bidden. Those assisting were: Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Ford, Mr. and Mrs. William Hill Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Kuhn, Mr. and Mrs. William Hill Clarke, Mr. liam A. Wyatt of this city and Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Spencer of Nebraska City.

In honor of Miss Caroline Mercer Miss Rowena Higginson entertained about forty guests at a chafing-dish supper on Tuesday evening in a most delightful manner. The repast was a very elaborate and tempting one, all procurable delicacies being secured by the hostess and offered to her guests in the daintiest way possible. The last of the evening's pleasure was the dancing, which

was heartly indulged in and enjoyed by among Omeha friends.

The marriage of Mr. R. G. Rochford to Miss Edith Peterson, both of Louisville, Neb., was solemnized at high noon on Wednesday in the Millard parlors. Rev. John Calvert, pastor of the Methodist church at Louisville, was the officiating minister Immediately after the ceremony a banquet "Black Beauty" and two copies of "Louisville".

pleasant evening terminated.

Mr. and Mrs. George J. Crane of Council Bluffs entertained a large number of young people in honor of the sixteenth birthday anniversary of their daughter, Mae, at the Delione hotel in this city, on Saturday evening. An elegant banquet was served to the merry guests at a long table, which was decorated with beautiful flowers. The large dining room of the hotel presented a very festive appearance, as the Christmas decorations still retained their pristine freshness. A harpist furnished the music. After the banquet the young folks spent some time in dancing.

time in dancing. The Journeymen Plumbers' Steam and Gas The Journeymen Piumbers' Steam and Gas Fitters' unions observed New Year's eve at an annual ball siven in Turner hall. It was under the auspices of local union No. 16 and the members and their friends who danced numbered nearly 400. The grand march and quadrille was led by Mr. D. Clifton and Miss E. Clay. There were twenty-eight dances in all, including every kind known in the terpsichorean category. Those who looked after the entertainment of the guests were: Master of ceremonies, Joseph Buggy: arrangement committee, E. Joseph Buggy; arrangement committee, E. Rohiff, D. P. Clifton, R. Malcolm, William Dee, Harry McVea; reception committee, George Morries, Joe Johnson, Albert Sandberg, John Kent, William F. Higgins, J. Lynch; floor committee, Charles Baxter, jr., Harry Smith, Joe O'Counell, A. Brown, Charles Folsom, John Cavanaugh.

Movements of Society People. Mr. D. Fred Hurd has returned from Chi-

Mrs. F. F. Cowgill returned to Omaha or Mrs. Lyman H. Powell is visiting Mrs. W. H. McCook.

Mrs. Robert Brown has gone to Philadel-phia for a month. Miss Ada Wrenn has been spending the holidays in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Chaffee spent Christmas in Pennsylvania. Miss Ethel Partridge is home from Chicago for the holidays. Mr. Stockton Heth has recovered from an

attack of the erysipelas Mr. Robert F. Smith spent the week in Minneapolis and Duluth General and Mrs. Manderson will arrive in Omaha during the week.

Rev. Dr. H. W. Kuhns has returned from six weeks' trip to Honolulu. Miss Webster has returned from a month's visit in Chicago and Henry, Ill. Miss May Hamblin will receive New Year Miss Margaret Riley will receive New Year callers at her home this afternoon.

Mrs. Brown of Lincoln spent the week with her sister. Miss Nellie Bennett, in this Mrs. George Hurst spent the Christmas bolidays with her sister, Mrs. Herbert Os-

Mr. Arthur Cristenden Smith has been one of the victims of the grip during the Miss Florence Gridley has returned from St. Mary's school at Knoxville, Ill., for the Mrs. Samuel D. Mercer was confined to her

room by illness during the early part of Miss Carrie Boutelle spent part of the week in Lincoln, where she read a paper at the state teachers' meeting. Mr. and Mrs. John S. Briggs attended the annual convention of teachers held at Lin-coln on New Year's evening.

Miss Fannie Wright and Miss Ruby Doug lass have been spending the holidays with friends at Ceder Rapids, Ia. Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Summers, jr., were called to Washington on Friday by the serious illness of the doctor's father.

Mr. Joseph Morsman's holiday visit maha from Chicago was quite spoiled, as he has been a victim of the grip. Mrs. Coutant has been entertaining Mr. and Mrs. Brinker and their daughter of Kansas City during Christmas week. Dr. and Mrs. Edward W. Lee returned to

Omaha at midnight Saturday, after an ex-tended wedding trip through the east. Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Babcock returned or Wednesday morning from a two weeks' visit in Washington and other eastern cities. A very enjoyable home party was given for Misses Annie and Neilie Boland on Thursday night at 1102 South Ninth street, Miss Anna Louise Getty, after spending the

holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Getty, returned to Chicago yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. V. O. Strickler and Mr. Edward Garnett spent the week in Lincoln as the guests of Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Hoover. Mrs. Robert Stone's illness, which dates as far back as June. has assumed such a serious aspect that she is now confined

Miss Francis Butterfield and Miss Valen tine have been in attendance at the State Teachers' association at Lincoln during the

Miss Julia Officer, who has been attending "The Messiah" concerts of the Apollo club in Chicago will return tomorrow, Jan-Messrs. H. Hugo Brandels and Louis R. Metz leave on Wednesday for an extended

trip through Cuba. They will be gone about Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Frederickson have returned from their trip to the coast and will be at home to their friends at 1998 Capitol avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. George Marples are at home from Kansas City. Mr. Marples returned on Tuesday and Mrs. Marples arrived on Friday evening. Mrs. Marcus C. Achison will return on

Monday from Pueblo. She expects shortly to start for Pittsburg, Pa., and will be accompanied by her daughter. Mrs. J. M. Alken who is a guest of her mother at Cedar Rapids. Ia., is participating in the festivities incidental to the wedding

f her brother, Mr. George Leonard Mr. and Mrs. George T. Crandall and the Misses Crandall of 203 South Twenty-fifth avenue leave today for Los Angeles, Cal. where all the family except Mr. Crandal will spend the coming year.

Mrs. Jefferson W. Bedford. Miss Bedford and Master Edwin Bedford left Omaha on Tuesday to spend the remainder of the winter in Houston. San Antonio and Corpus Christi, Tex. They will return in April. Miss Katherine Gillmore of St. Mary's school, Burlington, N. J., who came here to attend the funeral of her mother, will remain some days with her father, who convalescing after a long and serious ill-

Thomas Wilson Battin has been appointed on the naval architect force of the government. Mr. Battin will be assigned to the shipyards at Elizabeth, N. J., where the government is building torpedo boats and torpedo boat destroyers. Mr. Battin has been in Europe for the last four years and salled on Thursday from Glasgow for New on Thursday from Glasgow for New

On the Social Calendar Mrs. Cowie will entertain the XXIV T. D.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Burgess will entertain at dinner on Thursday evening. Mrs. Harry McCormick will be hostess at a buffet luncheon to be given on Thursday. The Wednesday Lunch and Harmony Card ub will be entertained by Mrs. Dinning on

Wednesday. In honor of Dr. and Mrs. E. W. Lee, Mrs. Joseph Barker will entertain at dinner on Puesday evening. The general meeting of the Council of Jewish Women for January will be held at Temple Israel on Wednesday evening.

The next meeting of the Nameless Card club will occur on Monday evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Howe, 3208 Poppleton avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Yates will enter-tain at dinner on Monday evening in honor of the former's birthday anniversary, which

falls on New Year's day. Mr. and Mrs. Zachary T. Lindsey will hold a reception from 4 to 6 o'clock in the afternoon and from 8 to 11 o'clock in the evening, on Monday at their residence.

Out of Town Guests. Mr. Lincoln of Boston is the guest of Mr. Ezra Millard. Mr. Charles Hur of St. Louis spent Christmas in Omaha. Mr. Edward Swobe of Chicago spent part of the week in Omaha. Miss Jean Wallace of Topeka, Kan. is the est of Miss Dora Cady.

"Virginia reel" and at an early hour the Young and family. Mr. Clements left the city on Monday evening. Miss Montgomery of Council Bluffs is the guest of Miss Dickinson. Mr. Augustus Kountze of New York spent Christmas day in this city.

Mrs. Munger of Fremont has been the guest of Mrs. Oscar Hillis during the week. Mr. Ward B. Clarke of Deadwood is spending the holidays with his parents in this

Miss Leona DeHeck has returned to Sloux City after spending Christmas with Omaha

The Misses Caldwell of Chicago were the guests of Mrs. Edward L. Lomax during the Mr. Paul Beaton, formerly of Omaha and now of Sloux City, will be in the city for New Year's day. Mrs. Howard H. Baldrige has been called east by a telegram announcing the death of her grandmother.

Mr. and Mrs. Brinker and daughter Kaneas City have been the guests of Mrs. Coutant during the past week. The Misses Blanche and Bertha Kennedy of Plattsmouth have been spending a few days with their aunt, Mrs. Drew.

Rev. Larimore Denise of Clay Center, Kan., has been visiting his parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Denise, during the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Fisher of Florence, Wis., were the guests of their daughter, Mrs. Arthur Pinto, during the past week. Miss Helen Curtis of Winsted, Conn., who was to have been the guest of Miss Shiver-ick for Christmas, has been a sufferer from the grip and was therefore unable to come. Have your holiday gifts engraved by N. P. Dean, room 11, Frenzer block.

OMAHA SUBURBS.

Benson Mr. and Mrs. Pritchard are spending the

holidays with friends out of town. The public school will open again next Tuesday, after the holiday vacation. Mrs. O. D. Bellas and daughter are visiting with friends and relatives at Ashland during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Stone of Havelock, Neb., were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Hoffman during the last week. Miss Ada E. Steiger, accompanied by Miss Margaret E. Safford of Omaha, is spending a few days visiting with friends at Platts-

The children at the St. James' orphanage were made happy during the holidays by the many donations of friends and patrons of the Services will be held at the Methodist church Sunday at 10:45. Sunday school at 12 m. The election of officers and teachers will take place immediately after.

On account of the cold weather the Florence lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fel-lows, postponed its expected visit to Benson lodge, No. 120, until a later date.

Mrs. Smith and children, who have been visiting at the home of her brother, F. A. Bailey, during the Christmas holidays, have returned to their home in Colorado. Miss Ruth Hogan, who has been spending the holidays at her home in Blair, is ex-pected to return this evening and will re-

the Benson school. A. E. Naffziger of Lebanon, Ill., has been visiting with his uncle, S. Steight, during the last week, has continued his journey to West Point, where he will spend a few days with friends and relatives. a few days with friends and relatives.

At the annual meeting for the election of officers of the Benson lodge, No. 116, Fraternal Union of America, held Wednesday evening, the following were elected in regular order: P. Larsen, F. M.; Mrs. S. Finlayson, J.; Mrs. P. Larsen, P.; Mrs. G. Hawkins, T.; Miss M. Graves, M;. L. Jorgensen, secretary; Mrs. J. A. Morgan, treasurer; G. W. Stelger, G.; K. Liljienstople, G. Hawkins, S.; A. Hedwell, G.; J. A. Morgan, S. These officers will be installed at the next regular meeting on January 2. next regular meeting on January 2.

Florence. A. Wilson of Tekamah was a business vis-

itor here Monday. William Thomas went to Chicago Saturday obtain medical treatment. J. L. Warlier went to Tekamah Thursday to look after some property there. V. G. Langtry, a former resident of this Hunt were Omaha visitors Saturday.

Miss Lillian Bondesson and Miss Harriet Hunt were Omaha visitors Saturday. Mr. Daniel Corcoran of Omaha spent Christmas with his parents in Florence. M. B. Potter and Hugh Suttle, who have een sick for several days, have both recov

Joseph Dowel, wife and daughter, spent Saturday and Sunday visiting friends in Fre-Henry Peterson, wife and daughter of Crescent, Ia., spent Christmas with Mrs.

Misses Albia and Alice Brown went to conca, Neb., Monday to spend the holidays with relatives.

Benson Potter, Scott Leach and Miss Eva Leach spent Saturday and Sunday with rel-atives in Tekamah. W. B. Backus, principal in the public

schools of Chadron, Neb., is here spending the holidays with friends. Mrs. Rilla Gray, a teacher in the South Omaha public schools, was here visiting friends Friday and Saturday.

Jacob Weber, jr., and wife and Gus Bon-desson went to Wayne, Neb., Saturday to spend the holidays with relatives. Ten carloads of machinery have arrived for the new pump at the water works and will soon be placed in the building. Frank Carney of Omaha, who has been spending the holidays with his parents near Calhoun, visited friends here Friday.

Miss Mabel and Blanche Tucker and Miss Agnes Wight made a business trip to Omaha Tuesday in the interests of the Little Brown Jug club, of which they are members. Mrs. Jessie B. Dorward, teacher elecution

physical culture; winter classes, 623 N. 19th,

OF LICENSE BOARD Licenses Already Granted to Operate One Hundred and Eighty-One Saloons in Omaha.

When the Board of Fire and Police Comnissioners, sitting as a license board, adjourned late yesterday afternoon, a total of 181 out of the 231 applicants had been fifty who covet the valuable piece of paper the big majority have paid into the city treasury the \$1,000 each that is required. The latter will be allowed to open their saloons on Monday morning, but those saloon keepers who have neither secured their license nor paid in their money will covered. open their places at their own peril. Their | story by months: names will be furnished the chief of police and the latter will arrest them if they attempt to open. Such are the orders given by the board.

The board yesterday afternoon cleaned up all the applications against which no protests have been filed and which have in every way complied with legal requirements, The remainder will be disposed of during the coming week. Among them are the sixteen cases protested by John Boesen, the board deciding to give the protestant reasonable Totals ime to appeal to the district court, and if he does appeal to await the verdict of the court. The licenses granted were to the fol-

lowing: Ver Mehren, Frick & Meyer, 1101 Farnam; Rohlff & Tierney, 302 North Sixteenth; Matt Hammond, 1421 South Fourth; J. A. Tuthill, rear 1512 Douglas; Gladstone Bros. Co., 1308-10 Douglas; Michael Mullen, 301 North Sixteenth; Nat Brown, 314-16 South Fourteenth; John T. Kerns, 215 South Fourteenth; A. E. Wylie, 1513 Farnam; P. E. Iler, 511 and 513 South Sixteenth; A. G. Stephan, 1306 Douglas; Her & Co., 1112 Harney; Jacob Kline, 523 North Sixteenth; John Maitry, Third and Pierce; William Krug, 1024 North Sixteenth; Hans Peterson, 1502 Webster; William Krug, 111 South Fifteenth; Gustave Weckbach, 418 South Fourteenth; John J. Parrott, 5210 North Thirtieth; Joseph Schlitz Brewing company, 314-324 South Sixteenth; Thomas J. Foley, 1412 Douglas; Fred Swanson, 312 Mr. William Clements spent Christmas in Omaha and was the guest of Mrs. Richard Thirtieth; A. Kalish, 521-523 South Six-

eenth; Jacob Kopald, 703 North Sixteenth; A. Gettelman Brewing company, 624-626 South Sixteenth: Fred Metz, jr., 1109 Farnam; Henny Butenschoen, 502 North Sixeenth; Andrew Anderson, 311 South Sixeenth; James Frederickson, 1707 North Twenty-fourth; Thomas Hart, 501 North Thirteenth: William Meyer, 724 North Sixteenth; Andrew Nyberg, 1516 Dodge; Daniel Hedgren, 802 South Thirteenth; Peter Wikman, 1513 Howard; Martin B. McKenna, 1624 Nicholas; Charles Storz, 1801-03 North Twenty-fourth; Hans Kruss, 623 North Sixteenth: A. E. Johnson, 424 North Sixteenth: Edward Maurer, 1804 Farnam; Balthas Jetter, 1019 Farnam; Balthas Jetter, 122-124 North Fifteenth; Charles Melchoir, 1625 Howard; South Omaha Brewing company, 412 South Thirteenth; South Omaha Brewing company, 1322-24 Douglas; Henry Mies, 901 Jackson; Emil Mohr, 622 South Thirteenth; John Kelkenney, 216 South Seven-

Druggists permits were granted to the following: Joseph H. Schmidt, 2402 Cuming; Gustave Hahn, 1802 Farnam; Charles E. Lathrop, 1324 North Twenty-fourth; John J. Freytag, 1914 North Twenty-fourth.

The board did not finally settle the question of whether a saloon keeper may run two or more bars in the same establishment under one license. The members, however seemed to incline to a belief that any number of bars could be run under such con ditions after listening to the statements of Attorney Rich in the case of the Schlitz Brewing company's application for a license attorney stated that his client wished to run

bar downstairs all the time and another up in the roof garden during the summer months under one license. He insisted that this second bar was put in only for the sake of convenience and did not constitute second saloon, as one set of books would be kept for both. He supported his position by quotations from authorities. City Attorney Connell was not present to give an opinion, but will be asked for one later. The members of the board were brought around to Attorney Rich's position and

granted the license. Yesterday morning the board considered the protest brought against the application of the Schlitz Brewing company to run a saloon at 2902 Cuming street William W. McBride of 1001 North Twenty ninth street. John Laughland of Thirtieth and Burt, Charles L. Pond of 1009 North Twenty-ninth and Peter Hansen of 2817 Nicholas street were witnesses who gave evidence in support of the protest. They objected to the location of the saloon on the grounds that it is in the heart of a resident district, that it is within two blocks of the school, that women and chidren will have to pass by the place frequently and that there s another saloon in the immediate vicinity The brewing company wanted time to ge

until Wednesday evening to get them. **WORK OF THE OMAHA FIREMEN**

Figures that Tell the Good Accomplished by Chief Redell and His Efficient Department.

witnesses to show that other neighboring

residents wanted the saloon and were given

There were more fires in Omaha last year than in the year before. As a matter o fact, 1898 was a record-breaker in this respect in the history of the Omaha fire department. The high water mark had been reached in 1894, when 831 fire alarms had been turned in during the course of the granted saloon licenses. Of the remaining year. The total for last year was 383. In 1897 the total alarms were but 315. As a consequence the insurance companies paid out a greater sum in losses, but they actually paid less in proportion to the total value of the property that was in jeopardy and the total amount of insurance with which it was

The following table tells the | Story by months: | No. of | Total | Insur- | 1898. | Alarms | Value | Lors | ance | January | 19 | 534,100 | 446 | \$389,700 | February | 19 | 1,173,700 | 3,420 | 352,950 | March | 32 | 283,030 | 5,425 | 147,100 | April | 29 | 137,650 | 1,600 | 70,650 | May | 18 | 71,550 | 6,830 | 44,150 | Juns | 27 | 428,375 | 8,945 | 136,275 | July | 42 | 192,080 | 9,530 | 89,650 | August | 26 | 258,075 | 4,460 | 152,300 | September | 31 | 371,650 | 60,130 | 197,350 | October | 56 | 857,140 | 3,630 | 678,085 | November | 38 | 206,500 | 3,375 | 146,600 | December | 36 | 403,060 | 7,135 | 253,960 | 383 \$4,895,910 \$115,025 \$2,538,760

The Omaha Fire department is much the same as it was a year ago. It contains a force of 110 men and the following appar atus: Four steam fire engines, seven hose wagons, five hose carriages, one hose cart, chemical engines, two turn table hool and ladders, two straight frame book and ladders, one Hale telescope water tower and sixteen portable chemical extinguishers. It has cost \$113,370.60 to maintain this department during the year against \$108,026.16 for the year before. The increase is accounted for by the fact that the city paid for two companies located on the exposition grounds. These cost the city almost \$7,000.

The number of casualties was the same as for the preceding year-twenty-four. Four people were burned to death, twelve were painfully hurt and eight were slightly

burned. Holy Family Church.

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Alpha Tau Omege Congress. NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 31.—The Alpha Tau Omega congress has transacted its principal business. Ribbon societies were discounte-nanced, and it was decided to try the provincial system. Boston was named the next been a resident of the city fifty-five years.

Gentleman at the organ.

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meeting place. The following officers were elected: Worthy grand chief, Larkin W. Glazebrook, Washington, D. C.; worthy grand Glazebrook, Washington, D. C.; worthy grand scribe, George H. Lamar, Washington, D. C.; worthy grand chancellor, Prof. James B. Green, University of Virginia; high council, R. W. Otis, A. Glazebrook, D. D., Elizabeth, N. J.: Prof. E. J. Shives, Pittsburg; William T. Maginnis, New Orleans; Fred Tupper, jr., of Vermont, and Robert A. Walter of Chi-

cago. James Wallis, Dubuque. DUBUQUE, fa., Dec. 31.-James Wallis, one of the oldest and wealthiest merchants of Dubuque, died today, aged 85. He had

